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Responsive to the Office action dated May 20, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with this application.

Amendments to the claims begin in page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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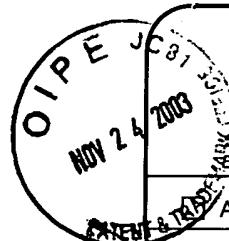
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1001	2001	770	385
1002	2002	340	170
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1004	2004	770	385
1005	2005	160	80
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1051	2051	130	65
1052	2052	50	25
1053	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	420	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	950	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	330	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	290	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	2501	1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
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1503	2503	640	Plant issue fee
1460	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)
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8021	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	770	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	2801	770	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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